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Testimony of Dr. Robert E. Marriott DDS, PLLC regarding SUBSTITUTION OF SECOND PAIR OF HANDS BILL HB4718

Good Morning Chairwoman Haines and Members of the Committee. My name is Robert Marriott and I am a dentist from Macomb County.

I have sent this testimony to you today to voice my support regarding SUBSTITUTION OF SECOND PAIR OF HANDS BILL HB4718.

I feel this Bill is needed in three areas:

<u>First</u>- To assist with problem patients, physical disabilities, mental disabilities and the very young with x-rays, suction, charting, holding patients steady, etc. This is a safety issue for not only the patient but also the operator. To do without the use of a Second Pair of Hands (an assistant) creates a health hazard if one is not available when needed.

<u>SECOND-</u> Utilizing an assistant as a Second Pair Of Hands would only serve to increase the access to care that is needed. A Second Pair Of Hands would make the PA 161 Practice more productive by having the assistant clean the rooms, develop x-rays and seat the patient.

Third- There is no need to expand any duties as the dental assistants already do these functions without any negative affect to patient care.

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I urge you to vote in favor of SUBSTITUTION HB 4718 BILL.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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